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Title of the Invention: <i>Method and compounds for preventing drug resistance based on Ecteinascidin-743 (As Amended)</i>		

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Applicant requests entry of the following amendments prior to consideration of the application on the merits.

**In the Title:**

Please amend the title as follows:

*Method and compounds for preventing drug resistance based on Ecteinascidin-743*

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-93, and insert the following new claims:

94. A method of identifying a functional analog of Ecteinascidin-743 that inhibits drug-resistance which comprises:

- (a) providing a test compound;
- (b) determining whether said test compound inhibits SXR trans activation of an SXR target gene; and

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